



~Second Sunday after Christmas~

## Sunday School Lessons

Date	Scripture	Bible Lesson
January 4	2 Timothy 1; 3:14-17	To a New Generation—Paul Writes to Timothy
January 11	Matthew 25:31-49; Revelation 22:6-21	The Last Call—Jesus Will Return
January 18	Genesis 1:1-2:3	A Mighty Wonder—Creation
January 25	Genesis 3	The Fall and a Promise—Fall into Sin



**Building Healthy Families:** The beginning of a New Year can bring feelings of anticipation, excitement, and hope as we start with a clean slate, our resolutions to keep. Still looking for ideas that will bring new life to your New Year? How about one of these: read from Scripture 15 minutes every day; go to church every Sunday; set aside 20 minutes at the end of the day to pray; join a Bible Study group; memorize a new Bible verse each week. Don't give up! It takes 6 weeks of doing something repeatedly to make it a habit. Happy & Blessed New Year to you and your family!

**Lutheran Family Service** [www.LutheranFamilyService.org](http://www.LutheranFamilyService.org)

### Undeck the Halls



On January 4 immediately following the late service we will be undecking the halls. We need many hands to complete the task quickly. Thank you to those who helped decorate and in advance to those who come to take down and put the decorations away.



## ALTAR FLOWERS

Flowers for the altar this weekend are from Rick and Barb Gienapp for the Lord blessing them with 27 years of marriage.

Prayer of the Church/Second Sunday after Christmas/January 4, 2026

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord have Mercy**

P: For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord have Mercy**

P: For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord have Mercy**

P: For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord have Mercy**

P: For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord have Mercy**

P: For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord have Mercy**

P: For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord have Mercy**

P: For the sick and the dying, and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord have Mercy**

P: For You promise blessing to those who follow in Your way, yet You also call them to carry their crosses. Grant Your peace to those who suffer among us [*especially **Becky Behrens, Dorothy Blume** (Carol Schuldt's sister), **Joanne Bowman** (Rob Bowman's mother), **April Tutton Clark** (sister of Grace Maurer), **Tom Cowley** (Aaron Mueller's brother-in-law), **John Enokian** (brother of Chuck Enokian), **Raymond Forman, Jason Freundt, Mary Helen Gibson** (sister of Gwen McNatt Enokian), **Dennis Huedepohl** (friend of Bruce Maurer), **Jeff Hundley** (grandson of Karen Abernathy), **Dora Jacobson** (granddaughter of George and Carol Schuldt), **Todd Jones** (Barb & Ron Jones' son), **Ruth Langehough, Dot Langholdt** (friend of Ruth Varney), **Ben Malcom** (father of Tiffany Roiseland), **Craig Michel, Gwen McNatt, Laura Miller** (Linda Bonefeld's mother), **Norma Miller** (Twyla Freeman's aunt), **Jane Mills** (aunt of Rob Ghabel), **Marvin Muhlenbruck, Merri Mullane, Julie Pratt-Mullenkamp** (cousin of Ruth Varney), **Erin Nielsen** (cousin of Crissy Pence), **Ed Pederson, Faith Pederson, Faith Quinlan, Ben Rollins** (Lorrie Bailey's cousin), **Lee Schwarting** (Art Schwarting's mother), **Kathy Schweer, Carol Schuldt, George Schuldt, Amy Schulte** (sister of Crissy Pence), **Stanley Seese** (friend of Harold Warner), **Carol Simpson** (mother of Kara Hartwig), **John Stoll, Marlene Thompson, Natalie Ullrich** (Jeff Kucera's cousin), **Reece Ullerich, Don Warner** (Harold Warner's brother), **Harold Warner, Mark Wilson, Rod Wittich, Garry Wilcox** (Melissa Mullane's dad), and **Martha Van Kirk**], let us pray to the Lord:*

C: **Lord have Mercy**

P: For the love between husbands and wives and that you instituted holy marriage. Bless **Rick and Barb Gienapp** for their 27<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord have Mercy**

P: Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord have Mercy. Christ have Mercy. Lord have Mercy. Amen.**

## BIRTHDAYS

January 4	Bradley Lake, Justin Pitts, Tralene Thompson
January 5	Denise Holidia, Jacob Sexton
January 6	Alexie Little
January 7	Jordan Ellyson, LaRae Rudin
January 8	Cathleen Loney, Kenneth Yoder
January 9	Kevin Kaufman, Dwain Knock
January 10	Tiffany Arthur, Samantha Davis, Roxanne Kasal

### STEWARDSHIP December 27/28, 2025

TIME	TREASURES		
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 12/27—5:30pm	45	Contributions	\$36,810.00
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 12/28—8:00am	70	Monthly needs for budget	\$71,996.33
Worship-In Person/Live Stream 12/28—10:30am	146	Christmas Eve/Day—New Year's Eve	353, 180, 55/97—75
Total Saturday/Sunday Worship	261	Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	0/0

### This Week at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church January 4—11, 2026

<u>Sunday, 01/04</u>		<u>Wednesday continued...</u>	
Worship Service	8:00am	Adult Bible Study	7:00pm
Adult Bible Class/Sunday School	9:20am	Parent Winter Confirmation Retreat Meeting	8:00pm
Worship Service	10:30am		
UNDECK THE HALLS	11:45am	<u>Thursday, 01/08</u>	
		Comfort Tiers	9:00am
<u>Monday, 01/05</u>		Lantern Park	10:00am
Staff Meeting	1:00pm	Briarwood	4:00pm
Chamber Singers	6:00pm	Board of Directors	7:00pm
Sunlight AA Group	6:00pm	Al-Anon	7:30pm
<u>Tuesday, 01/06</u>		<u>Friday, 01/09</u>	
Solon Nursing Home	9:30am	***	
Human Care Committee	6:30pm		
Al-Anon	7:00pm	<u>Saturday, 01/10</u>	
		Men's Bible Study	8:00am
<u>Wednesday, 01/07</u>		Deb Burma Women's Retreat	8:30am
TOPS	8:00am	Al-Anon District	9:00am
Bible Study	11:00am	Worship Service	5:30pm
Lunch Bunch	12:00pm		
Midweek Meal	6:00pm	<u>Sunday, 01/11</u>	
Choir Rehearsal	6:45pm	Worship Service	8:00am
Midweek Classes	6:45pm	Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	9:20am
		Worship Service	10:30am

## CAMPERSHIPS TO CAMP IO-DIS-E-CA

The Mission Guild is sponsoring camperships to Camp IO-DIS-E-CA. Please contact Linda Diggelmann at 319-594-6908 or diggelfa@gmail.com for more information. Applications will be accepted through January 31, 2026.



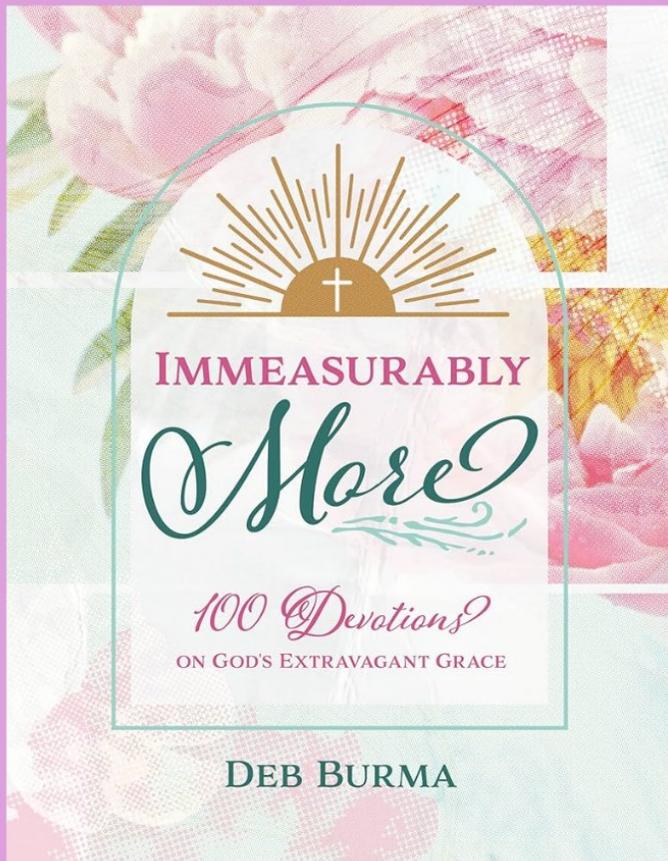
## WOMEN'S RETREAT

# “Immeasurably More”

We are excited to welcome Deb Burma as our guest speaker for this year's Women's Retreat. This one-day event titled “Immeasurably More” will focus on the beautiful truths found in Ephesians 3:20-21.

Highlights include three teaching sessions with biblical encouragement and personal reflection, plus live music by Wendysue Fluegge throughout the day.

Coffee, treats, lunch and more fun surprises!



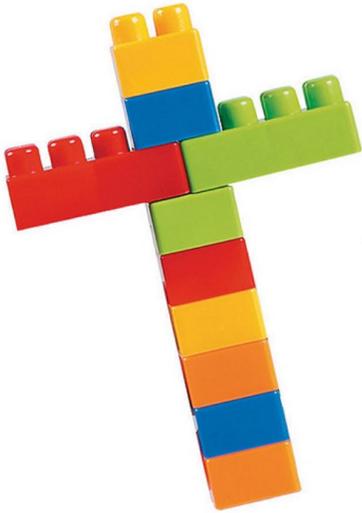
January 10, 2026  
8:30 AM to 3:00 PM  
Cost: \$15 per person  
Our Redeemer Lutheran  
Church & Preschool

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Register today using the  
QR code or by calling  
the church office at  
319-338-5626



Our Redeemer Lutheran Church & Preschool  
2301 E Court Street  
Iowa City, IA 52245  
319-338-5626



# BRICK BUILDERS' EVENT

## January 11 @ 11:45am

### Fellowship Hall

Do you enjoy building with Legos, Duplos, Building Bricks, even Micro Mini builds? Come join others at church with a free lunch, a fun time building, competing, all under the umbrella of building a foundation in Christ. We will have some trivia time to test your knowledge. We will have some time to build with a purpose and some time to freely build. This is a great event to invite friends and neighbors to. Contact Kaja Mueller with questions, [kaja@ourredeemer.org](mailto:kaja@ourredeemer.org)



## UKANDU 2026

### Informational Meeting

Wednesday, January 14<sup>th</sup>  
8:00 pm  
Fellowship Hall

### Summer Servant Event Dates: June 20—27, 2026

Youth participants and adult chaperones work together to serve Chicago-land communities through outreach projects.

**Who Can Serve?** Adults, high school youth and 8<sup>th</sup> graders

*Join us at this informational meeting to find out more.*



## THE NOT SO NEWLYWED GAME

January 18, 2026  
12:00 pm  
Fellowship Hall

Everyone is invited to cheer on our three newlywed (or not-so-newlywed) couples. We need a studio audience to applaud their efforts to match answers.

Bring appetizers and goodies to share as our contestants compete. Come share the fun, fellowship, food, and laughter! Drinks and paper products will be provided.



### 2026 FLOWER CALENDAR

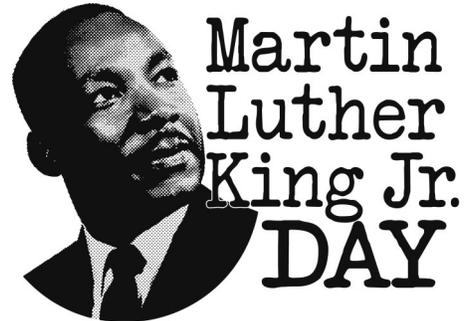
The 2026 flower calendar is on the bulletin board between the upper level restrooms and the nursery. Sign up to provide altar flowers in celebration of an event, in memory of a loved one, or just because.

## INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

During both worship services on Sunday, January 18, the 2026 officers elected to represent Our Redeemer will be installed. We thank them for their willingness to take on leadership roles and we join in supporting them and encouraging them throughout their terms of service.

### OFFICE CLOSED January 19, 2026

A reminder that the office will be closed on January 19 in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.



### MAILING ADDRESSES FOR COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES

The High School Youth will be making College Care Packages again this year. If you know a college student and want us to send them a care package, please email their name and college mailing address to Kara at: [youthcoordinator@ourredeemer.org](mailto:youthcoordinator@ourredeemer.org) by Wednesday, January 21<sup>st</sup>.

### ITEMS NEEDED FOR THE KITCHEN

The Kitchen Committee is asking for donations of the following items for the kitchen downstairs:

Decaf Coffee

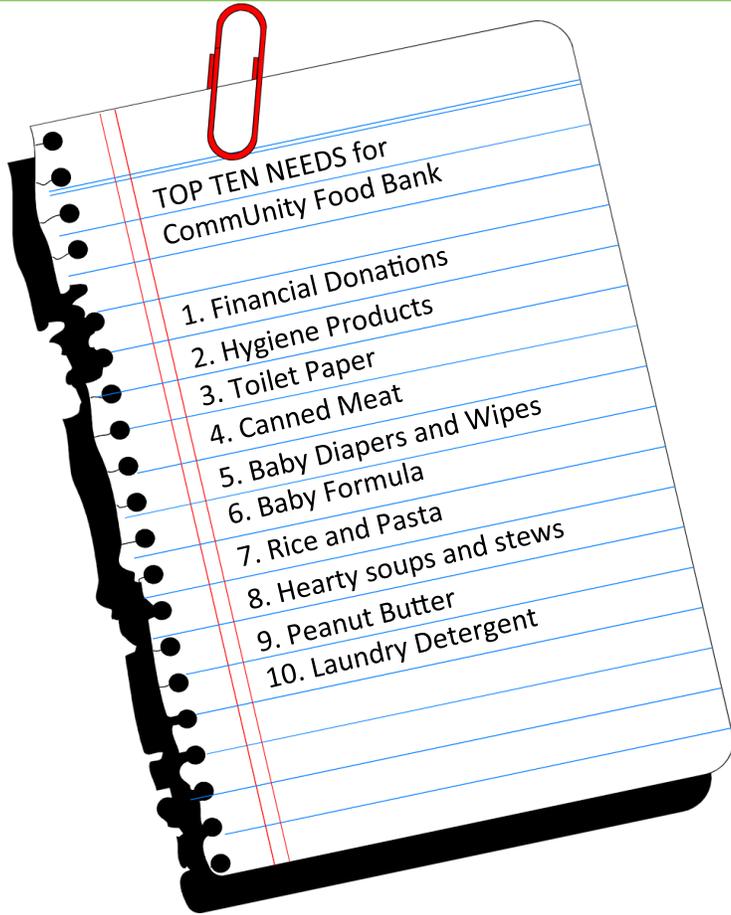


Regular Coffee



8 oz. foam coffee cups (please, not the paper ones as they tend to leak)

Thank you in advance of any donations. They are appreciated.



## Donation bin located in Narthex by the Welcome Counter

Please consider picking up extra items as you are shopping to donate to the CommUnity Crisis Center.



Did you know local radio isn't the only way to catch **The Lutheran Hour**? Listening is more convenient than ever—on *YOUR* schedule!

### *More ways you can listen include:*

- SiriusXM Family Talk (Sundays, 10 a.m. ET)
- Online at [lutheranhour.org](http://lutheranhour.org)
- **Connected by LHM** app
- Spotify, iHeartRadio, TuneIn, and Apple Podcasts
- Ask Alexa or Google to "Play The Lutheran Hour"
- Podcast subscription
- Receive transcripts by email
- Listen by phone or speakerphone  
(Dial **855-JOHN-316**. Select option 3.)

Visit [lutheranhour.org](http://lutheranhour.org) for 25 years of archives, including Reflections and Q&A segments. You'll also find historic broadcasts by Dr. Walter A. Maier and other past Speakers. ♦

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### **YOUR NEXT STEPS WITH LHM**

**SHARE** Help a friend in their *Journey Through Anxiety*. [lhm.org/learn](http://lhm.org/learn)

**CONNECT** Read the *Discover Your Gifts Workbook*. See *reply form*.

**SUPPORT** August is National Make-A-Will Month! [lhm.org/giftplan](http://lhm.org/giftplan)

# Canada & New England Cruise

Still Available  
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7-DAY CANADA & NEW ENGLAND CIRCLE: NEW BRUNSWICK  
Oct 3 - Oct 10, 2026



SHIP: **Zuiderdam** DEPARTS: **Boston, Massachusetts, US** ARRIVES: **Boston, Massachusetts, US**

Join Pastor and Kara Hartwig on a cruise to Canada's dynamic cities and Maine's alluring ports. Halifax's stunning waterfront, Sydney's giant fiddle, and Portland's eclectic boutiques. The beginning of October should be excellent for the changing colors of the New England leaves and the end of the whale watching season. In addition to experiencing all that Holland America has to offer, we will have private group Bible studies and a worship service. Planning to join us is as simple as 1, 2, 3...

## Explore Staterooms!

Inside cabin from \$1,469 pp.  
Ocean View cabin from \$1,639 pp.  
Verandah cabin from \$2,249 pp.



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Prices include all taxes and fees for the cruise.



You can book your own flight, have Pastor help you book, or have Holland America book your flight. Pastor suggests that you arrive in Boston by Thursday, October 1, 2026. The cruise ship will not wait. Pastor is working on a fun excursion for Friday in Boston. Do you want suggestions or help with your hotel before the cruise? Talk to Pastor. The excursion and hotel will be at an extra cost.



Holland America's "Have It All" is an optional premium package that bundles four key amenities—a Shore Excursion credit, a Signature Beverage Package, Specialty Dining, and Wi-Fi—into the cruise fare for significant savings over buying them separately, offering great value for guests who use all perks, though value varies by cruise length and usage.

Please contact Pastor with any questions – You know he LOVES to talk about travel! (319)855-2521  
If you are ready to book with Holland America, then call Bernice Harris, Holland America Personal Cruise Consultant at 800-355-3017 ext. 28109. Tell her... Group ID: TP6 Group Name: Orlc, Iowa City

# Preschool Newsletter

*Our Redeemer Preschool where children play, learn, and grow in Jesus!*

December 29, 2025—January 2

Director/Teacher: Kaja Mueller M-F    Assistants: Christie Cherian M/W/F, Sara Cross T/TH  
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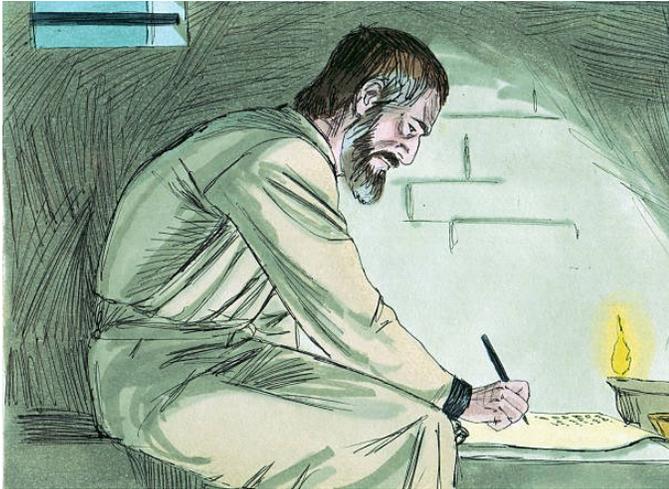


# Children's Ministry

Birth—5<sup>th</sup> Grade



**Sunday School**  
**Sunday, January 4<sup>th</sup>**  
**9:20am**



**To a New Generation—  
Paul Writes to Timothy**  
**2 Timothy 1; 3:14-17**



**Toddlin' to Jesus**  
Room 215 (Toddlin' Room)  
**Join us at 9:20 am on Sunday mornings.**

Parents and their children ages birth to age 2 are invited to participate. You will meet with other parents and children for a toddler-friendly Bible lesson, music and prayer.

It's a casual and relaxed environment balanced with activities and playtime.



**Kids Club**  
4 years old—5<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Wednesdays at 6:45pm



**January 7**  
**Lesson: Epiphany**  
**Teachers: Jonie & Kaja**



# Youth

6<sup>th</sup> —12<sup>th</sup> Grade

Youth Coordinator Kara Hartwig [youthcoordinator@ourredeemer.org](mailto:youthcoordinator@ourredeemer.org) (319) 855-2728

## Confirmation Classes

Wednesday, January 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:45 pm

6<sup>th</sup> Grade—Lecture

### Divided Kingdom

*the United Kingdom of Israel divides into 2 separate kingdoms after Solomon's death.*



- North / South
- Israel 10 tribes/  
Judah 2 tribes
- 19 Kings of Israel /  
20 Kings of Judah
- 0 Good Kings in Israel / 8  
Good Kings in Judah



7<sup>th</sup> Grade—Small Group

### Intro, First and Second Petitions of the Lord's Prayer

8<sup>th</sup> Grade—Small Group

### Creed 2<sup>nd</sup> Article



## WINTER Retreat Confirmation Winter Retreat

Friday, February 6—Saturday, February 7, 2026

Location will be a local area hotel *For all 6th, 7th, and 8th Grade Confirmation students.*

PARENTS: We need several parents to chaperone this overnight event. Parents attend free. Email Kara at [youthcoordinator@ourredeemer.org](mailto:youthcoordinator@ourredeemer.org) to register as a chaperone.

**Registration form & payment DUE:  
Wednesday, January 21st**

## Winter Calendar Date for Confirmation Classes & High School Midweek

Wednesday, January 7<sup>th</sup>

RESUME NORMAL SCHEDULE

6:00 pm Midweek Meal (**High School helps**)

6:45 pm Confirmation Classes & Midweek

8:00 pm Parents' Meeting Winter Retreat



## High School Midweek

*All high school youth & their friends are welcome!*

### College Care Packages "Packing Night"

January 28 @ 6:45 pm in the Fellowship Hall

*The high school youth will help the Kids Club children pack the boxes, make personalized cards for each of the college students and label the boxes. We'll pray for the college students and hear a story.*

## OUR REDEEMER OFFICE DIRECTORY

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### DEADLINES

**Reflections** (printed weekly): Information must be submitted (written, typed, emailed or faxed) each Wednesday by 5:00 pm

**Beacon Newsletter & Church Activities Calendar** (printed monthly): Information must be submitted (written, typed, emailed or faxed) by noon on the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month.

### RADIO

**Lutheran Hour Ministries on Radio**—WMT 600 AM Radio on Sunday mornings at 6:30 am, and KXEL 1540 AM Radio on Sunday mornings at 9:30 am. For more information on Lutheran Hour Ministries go to [www.LHM.org](http://www.LHM.org).

### VOLUNTEER BACKGROUND SCREENING

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church has a strong, caring ministry with children and youth. To promote the safest and most secure environment possible all employees and volunteers, both new and existing, undergo a background screening before working with younger members. Performing background checks provides safeguards and peace of mind to our staff, volunteers, parents, youth, and children.